

**CITY OF GAUTIER  
MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Samantha Abell, City Manager  
**From:** Dante Elbin, Chief of Police  
**Date:** July 3, 2014  
**Subject:** Request to submit an application to K-9 Crime Stoppers, Inc. for a Police Department Service Dog Replacement

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**REQUEST:**

The Gautier Police Department requests City Council authorization to submit an application to the non-profit K-9 Crime Stoppers organization to replace the department's former K-9 Officer Rocko who expired in December 2013.

**BACKGROUND:**

K-9 Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization located in Newington, CT. Their mission is to place exceptionally trained police service dogs with law enforcement agencies. The Gautier Police Department's former service dog was operational from October 2007 until December 2013 when he was euthanized due to an aggressive form of cancer.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Gautier Police Department has contacted the non-profit organization for information and completed an application packet. If awarded a service dog, the City will be responsible for the cost of air travel to transport the dog from Connecticut to Mississippi, the cost of the crate to transport the dog, and the cost of obtaining a veterinarian's certificate.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Police Department recommends that City Council authorize submission of an application to K-9 Crime Stoppers, Inc. for a police service dog.

The City Council may:

1. Authorize submission of an application to K-9 Crime Stoppers as presented; or
2. Disapprove submission of an application to K-9 Crime Stoppers at this time.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

N/A